

# SAFETY BULLETIN

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## Wet Weather Driving Tips



With the weather conditions being so wet it is important to make sure that your vehicle is in safe and serviceable condition. Before you get on the road here are a few important things you should check, or have checked out.

**TIRES:** Check the tread and make sure it is adequate with no bald spots. Check the pressure and assure it is adjusted properly. Check to make sure they are all in good condition with no abnormal wear with no cracks or bubbling.

**WINDSHIELD WIPERS:** Check to ensure they clear the window properly. Check to ensure the rubber is not cracked or torn. Check the arms; make sure they are not bent.

**BRAKES:** Check to make sure they are in good working order. It is very important to have good brakes especially during wet weather. Brakes do not operate as efficiently when they are wet.

Even if you have your vehicle in proper working condition, someone else's may not be. Try to stay clear of any one that looks to be driving in an unsafe manner.

### TO AVOID SKIDDING

Wet weather driving is not an excuse for a mishap; it is a challenge to your driving ability. Here are some tricks for bad weather driving:

- ✦ Make sure your car is in good driving condition.
- ✦ Drive at safe speeds for weather, traffic and road conditions. Wet roads require 50 times more distance in which to stop!
- ✦ Maintain on wet roads at least twice the safe following distance for dry pavement or two car lengths for every 10 miles of speed.
- ✦ Make smooth gradual turns and stops by pumping the brakes lightly when slowing down. Don't let the wheels lock.
- ✦ Reinforce your reflexes. You can't automatically twist the wheel or slam on your brakes to squeak out of a tight spot. You will need to start braking sooner in wet conditions to allow yourself enough time to stop.
- ✦ Expect water on bridges, and especially at an underpass. Never go around erected barriers!
- ✦ Intersections can be more slippery and extra hazardous.

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